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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS: LETTER TO SYG
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1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL COREA FRO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEPHEN BOSWORTH: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: I ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU LAST MONTH DURING THE CIEC DISCUSSIONS AND, AS I PROMISED, I HEREBY CONVEY TO YOU MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE EIGHTEEN COMMODITIES SPECIFIED IN THE COMMODITIES RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY UNCTAD IV.

2. AT THE OUTSET, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT THE CONSULTATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY EXAMINE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE PARTICULAR COMMODITY UNDER REVIEW IN ORDER TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR REMEDIAL ACTION. THESE MEETINGS, AS WE STATED IN THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION OF UNCTAD IV, WILL SHOW THE CASES WHERE WE COULD ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH COULD ENCOMPASS A BROAD RANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRADE IN COMMODITIES.

3. HAVING SAID THIS, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION AND COORDINATION ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS SUCCEED IN THEIR PURPOSE. WHAT APPEARS TO US TO BE THE MECHANISM FOR DOING SO HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR IN THE COMMODITIES RESOLUTION, NAMELY, AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AD HOC COORDINATION COMMITTEE, TO BE FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD. THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS CONTEMPLATED BY UNCTAD CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS COMMITTEE BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS MEETING IN OCTOBER, WITH THE COMMITTEE ITSELF HOLDING ITS FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

4. MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SCHEDULING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TDB. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT SCHEDULING OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY MEETINGS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THIS COMMITTEE HAS MET AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSULTATIONS.

5. IN OUR VIEW, ONE OF THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE SHOULD ADDRESS CONCERNS THE ROLE THAT EXISTING COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS AND FORUMS SHOULD PLAY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNCTAD COMMODITIES RESOLUTION. MANY OF THESE GROUPS HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR SOME TIME, POSSESS VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR COMMODITIES, AND HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM. WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND FORUMS.

6. FINALLY, WE NOTE WITH CONCERN THE SECRETARIAT'S APPARENT DESIRE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS BE OPEN TO THE FULL UNCTAD MEMBERSHIP. WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR EXCLUDING ANY MEMBER OF UNCTAD WITH SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE COMMODITY TO BE EXAMINED. NEVERTHELESS, IN OUR VIEW THE COUNTRIES WITH A DIRECT INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR COMMODITY--THAT IS, THE PRODUCERS

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AND CONSUMERS--MUST BEAR THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE WORK ON THAT COMMODITY. THUS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH EITHER MARGINAL OR NO DIRECT INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR PRODUCT, ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THAT COMMODITY. THIS, TOO, IS A QUESTION THAT COULD BEST BE ADDRESSED BY THE AD HOC COORDINATION COMMITTEE.

7. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH YOU AT GREATER LENGTH.

8. WITH BEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, STEPHEN W. BOSWORTH,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES AND
FOOD POLICY. HABIB UNQTE KISSINGER

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